

# M A S

The breaking down an old frame of government, and erecting a new, seems like the cutting down an old oak and planting a young one: it is true, the grandson may enjoy the shade and the mast, but the planter, besides the pleasure of imagination, has no other benefit.

As a savage boar,  
With forest mast and fatning marshes fed,  
When once he sees himself in toils inclos'd,  
Whets his tusks.  
Wond'ring dolphins o'er the palace glide;  
On leaves and mast of mighty oaks they brouze,  
And their broad fins entangle in the boughs.  
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MA'STER. *n. f.* [*meſter*, Dutch; *maſtre*, French; *maſtiſter*, Latin.]

1. One who has servants; opposed to man or servant.  
But now I was the lord  
Of this fair mansion, *maſter* of my ſervants,  
Queen o'er myſelf; and even now, but now,  
This houſe, theſe ſervants, and this ſame myſelf  
Are yours my lord.  
Take up thy *maſter*.  
My lord Baſſanio gave his ring away  
Unto the judge that begg'd it;  
The boy, his clerk, begg'd mine;  
And neither man nor *maſter* would take aught  
But the two rings.

2. A director; a governor.  
If thou be made the *maſter* of a feaſt, be among them as  
one of the reſt.  
My friend, my genius, come along,  
Thou *maſter* of the poet, and the ſong.  
3. Owner; proprietor.  
An orator, who had undertaken to make a panegyrick on  
Alexander the Great, and who had employed the ſtrongeſt  
figures of his rhetoric in the praiſe of Bucephalus, would  
do quite the contrary to that which was expected from him;  
becauſe it would be believed, that he rather took the horſe  
for his ſubject than the *maſter*.

4. A lord; a ruler.  
Wiſdom and virtue are the proper qualifications in the  
*maſter* of a houſe.  
There Cæſar, grac'd with both Minerva's, throne,  
Cæſar, the world's great *maſter*, and his own.  
The pride of royal blood, that checks my ſoul;  
You know, alas! I was not born to kneel,  
To ſue for pity, and to own a *maſter*.

5. Chief; head.  
Chief *maſter*-gunner am I of this town,  
Something I muſt do to procure me grace.  
As a wife *maſter*-builder I have laid the foundation, and  
another buildeth thereon.  
The beſt ſets are the heads got from the very tops of the  
root; the next are the runners, which ſpread from the *maſter*  
roots.

6. Poſſeſſor.  
When I have thus made myſelf *maſter* of a hundred thou-  
ſand drachms, I ſhall naturally ſet myſelf on the foot of a  
pince, and will demand the grand vizier's daughter in  
marriage.  
The duke of Savoy may make himſelf *maſter* of the French  
dominions on the other ſide of the Rhone.  
7. Commander of a trading ſhip.  
An unhappy *maſter* is he that is made cunning by many  
ſhipwrecks; a miſerable merchant, that is neither rich nor  
wile, but after ſome bankruptcies.  
A ſailor's wife had cheſnuts in her lap;  
Her huſband's to Aleppo gone, *maſter* o' th' Tyger.

8. One uncontrouled.  
Let ev'ry man be *maſter* of his time  
Till ſeven at night.  
Great, and increaſing; but by ſea  
He is an abſolute *maſter*.  
9. A compellation of reſpect.  
*Maſter* doctor, you have brought thoſe drugs.  
Stand by, my *maſter*; bring him near the king.  
*Maſters* play here, I will content your pains,  
Something that's brief; and bid, good morrow, general.

10. A young gentleman.  
If gaming does an aged fire entice,  
Then my young *maſter* ſwiftly learns the vice.  
*Maſter* lay with his bedchamber towards the ſouth ſun;  
mils lodged in a garret, expoſed to the north wind.  
Where there are little *maſters* and miſes in a houſe, they  
are great impediments to the diverſions of the ſervants; the  
only remedy is to bribe them, that they may not tell tales.

11. One who teaches; a teacher.  
Very few men are wile by their own council, or learned  
by their own teaching; for he that was only taught by him-  
ſelf had a fool to his *maſter*.  
To the Jews join the Egyptians, the fiſt *maſters* of learn-  
ing.  
*Maſters* and teachers ſhould not raiſe difficulties to their ſcho-  
lars; but ſmooth their way, and help them forwards.  
12. A man eminently ſkilful in practice or ſcience.  
The great mocking *maſter* mock'd not then,  
When he ſaid, Truth was buried here below.  
Spencer and Fairfax, great *maſters* of our language, ſaw  
much farther into the beauties of our numbers than thoſe who  
followed.  
A man muſt not only be able to judge of words and ſtile,  
but he muſt be a *maſter* of them too; he muſt perfectly un-  
derſtand his author's tongue, and abſolutely command his  
own.  
He that does not pretend to painting, is not touch'd at the  
commendation of a *maſter* in that profeſſion.  
No care is taken to improve young men in their own lan-  
guage, that they may thoroughly underſtand, and be *maſters*  
of it.

13. A title of dignity in the univerſities; as, *maſter* of arts.  
To MA'STER. *v. a.* [from the noun.]  
1. To be a *maſter* to; to rule; to govern.  
Ay, good faith,  
And rather father thee, than *maſter* thee.  
2. To conquer; to overpower; to ſubdue.  
Thrice bleſſed they that *maſter* to their blood,  
To undergo ſuch maiden pilgrimage.  
The princes of Germany did not think him ſent to com-  
mand the empire, who was neither able to rule his inſolent  
ſubjects in England, nor *maſter* his rebellious people of Ire-  
land.  
Then comes ſome third party, that *maſters* both plaintiff  
and defendant, and carries away the booty.  
Honour burns in me, not ſo ſincerely bright,  
But pale as fires when *maſter'd* by the light.  
Obſtinacy and wilful neglects muſt be *maſter'd*, even  
though it coſt blows.  
A man can no more juſtly make uſe of another's neceſſity,  
than he that has more ſtrength can ſeize upon a weaker,  
*maſter* him to his obedience, and, with a dagger at his throat,  
offer him death or ſlavery.  
The reformation of an habitual ſinner is a work of time  
and patience; evil cuſtoms muſt be *maſter'd* and ſubdued  
by degrees.  
3. To execute with ſkill.  
I do not take myſelf to be ſo perfect in the tranſactions  
and privileges of Bohemia, as to be fit to handle that part;  
and I will not offer at that I cannot *maſter*.  
MA'STERDOM. *n. f.* [from *maſter*.] Dominion; rule. Not in  
uſe.

MA'STERFUL. *adj.* [from *maſt*.] Abounding in maſt, or fruit of  
oak, beech or cheſnut.  
Some from ſeeds inclos'd on earth ariſe,  
For thus the *maſtful* cheſnut mates the ſkies.  
MASTICATION. *n. f.* [*maſticatio*, Lat.] The act of chewing.  
In birds there is no *maſtication*, or comminution of the  
meat in the mouth; but in ſuch as are not carnivorous it is  
immediately ſwallowed into the crop or craw, and thence  
transferred into the gizzard.  
*Maſtication* is a neceſſary preparation of ſolid aliment, with-  
out which there can be no good digeſtion.  
MA'STICATORY. *n. f.* [*maſticatoire*, French.] A medicine to  
be chewed only, not ſwallowed.  
Remember *maſticatories* for the mouth.  
Salivation and *maſticatories* evacuate conſiderably; ſaliva-  
tion many pints of phlegm in a day, and very much by chew-  
ing tobacco.  
MA'STICH. *n. f.* [*maſtic*, French.]  
1. A kind of gum gathered from trees of the ſame name in  
Scio.  
We may apply interſcipts upon the temples of *maſtic*;  
frontals may alſo be applied.  
2. A kind of mortar or cement.  
As for the ſmall particles of brick and ſtone, the leaſt  
moiſture would join them together, and turn them into a  
kind of *maſtic*, which thoſe infects could not divide.  
MA'STICOT. *n. f.* [*maſticum*, Latin.] See MASSICOT.  
Grind your *maſticot* with a ſmall quantity of ſaffron in gum  
water.  
*Maſticot* is very light, becauſe it is a very clear yellow,  
and very near to white.  
MA'STIFF. *n. f.* [*maſtiffes*, plural. [*maſtin*, French; *maſtino*,  
Italian.] A dog of the largeſt ſize; a bandog; dogs kept  
to watch the houſe.  
As ſavage bull, whom two fierce *maſtiffes* bait,  
When rancour doth with rage him once engore,  
Forgets with wary ward them to await,  
But with his dreadful horns them drives afore.  
When rank Therſites opes his *maſtiff* jaws,  
We ſhall hear muſick, wit, and oracle.  
When we knock at a farmer's door, the fiſt answer ſhall  
be his vigilant *maſtiff*.  
Soon as Ulyſſes near th' enclosure drew,  
With open mouths the furious *maſtiffes* flew.  
Let the *maſtiffs* amuſe themſelves about a ſheep's ſkin ſtuff-  
ed with hay, provided it will keep them from worrying the  
ſtock.

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Her ſhining hair, uncomb'd, was looſely ſpread,  
A crown of *maſtleſs* oak adorn'd her head.  
MA'STLIN. *n. f.* [from *maſter*, French, to mingle, or rather  
corrupted from *miſcellane*.] Mixed corn; as, wheat and rye.  
The tother for one loſe hath twaine  
Of *maſtlin*, of rie and of wheat.  
MAT. *n. f.* [meate, Saxon; *matta*, German; *matta*, Lat.]  
A texture of ſedge, flags, or ruſhes.  
The women and children in the weſt of Cornwall make  
*mats* of a ſmall fine kind of bents there growing, which  
ſerve to cover floors and walls.  
In the worſt inn's worſt room, with *mat* half hung,  
The floors of plaiſter, and the walls of dung.  
To MAT. *v. a.* [from the noun.]  
1. To cover with mats.  
Keep the doors and windows of your conſervatories well  
*matted*, and guarded from the piercing air.  
2. To twiſt together; to join like a mat.  
I on a fountain light,  
Whole brim with pinks was platted;  
The banks with daffadillies dight,  
With graſs like ſieve was *matted*.  
Sometimes beneath an ancient oak,  
Or on the *matted* graſs he lies;  
No god of ſleep he did invoke,  
The ſtream that o'er the pebbles flies,  
With gentle ſlumber crowns his eyes.

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The fifteenth is the *maſterpiece* of the whole meta-  
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In the fiſt ages, when the great ſouls, and *maſterpieces* of  
human nature, were produced, men ſhined by a noble ſim-  
plicity of behaviour.  
3. Chief excellence.  
Beating up of quarters was his *maſterpiece*.  
Diſſimulation was his *maſterpiece*; in which he ſo much  
excell'd, that men were not aſham'd with being deceived  
but twice by him.  
MA'STERSHIP. *n. f.* [from *maſter*.]  
1. Dominion; rule; power.  
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For Python ſlain he Pythian games decreed,  
Where noble youths for *maſterſhip* ſhould ſtrive,  
To quito, to run, and ſpeeds and chariots drive.  
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